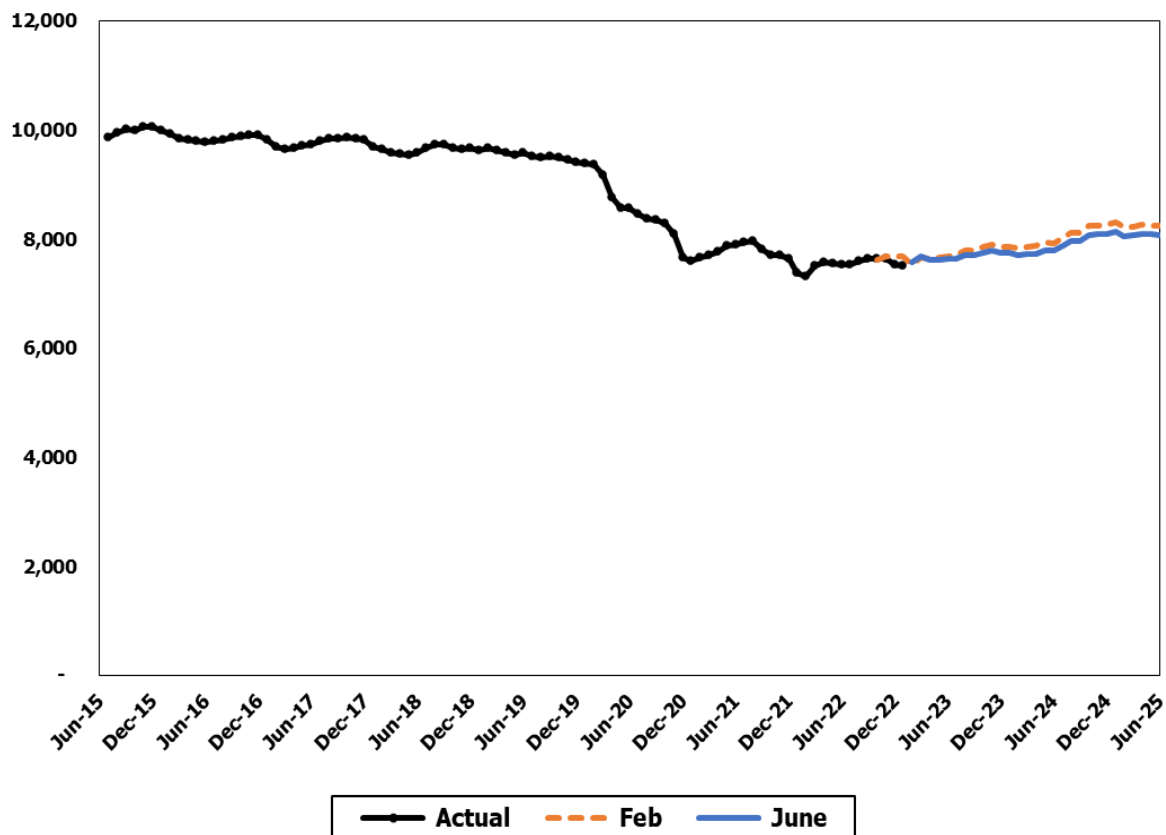


Long Term Care Nursing Homes

Caseload Forecast Council
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Nursing Homes



The Nursing Homes forecast consists of Medicaid eligible clients who receive care in state licensed nursing facilities. Nursing facilities provide care to eligible clients who require short post-hospital recuperative care, are no longer capable of independent living, and require nursing services, or are patients with chronic disabilities needing long-term rehabilitation and/or medical services.

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-23 Forecast	Jun-23 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2023	7,616	7,593	-23	-0.3%
2024	7,840	7,727	-113	-1.4%
2025	8,202	8,040	-162	-2.0%

The June 2023 forecast is 23 cases or 0.3 percent lower than the February 2023 forecast for FY 2023 and, on average, 137 cases or 1.7 percent lower for the 2023-25 Biennium.

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Tracking the Current Forecast

Month	Feb-23		Variance	Percent
	Forecast	Actual		Variance
Oct-22	7,613	7,640	27	0.3%
Nov-22	7,673	7,623	-50	-0.7%
Dec-22	7,668	7,524	-144	-1.9%
Jan-23	7,674	7,509	-165	-2.2%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 83 cases or 1.1 percent below the February forecast.

Previous forecasts in the pandemic period assumed that the caseload would recover to its pre-pandemic trajectory quickly after the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ended. However, the June forecast diverges from this assumption and anticipates a longer timeframe for the caseload to return to its pre-pandemic trajectory. Additionally, funding has been allocated to the Community Housing Transitions project, aimed at aiding Medicaid clients who receive long-term care services in transitioning to a more permanent living arrangement.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

		Caseload	Change from	
	Fiscal Year		Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	9,915		
	2017	9,775	-140	-1.4%
	2018	9,706	-69	-0.7%
	2019	9,635	-71	-0.7%
	2020	9,214	-421	-4.4%
	2021	7,968	-1,245	-13.5%
	2022	7,627	-341	-4.3%
Forecast	2023	7,593	-34	-0.4%
	2024	7,727	134	1.8%
	2025	8,040	313	4.0%

Risks to the Forecast

The risks to the nursing homes forecast are moderate to high. There are many layers of uncertainty about when the caseload will begin to rebound, how long a rebound will take, and what level the caseload will reach when it eventually stabilizes.